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ROY ROBERTS WAIVES PRELIMINARY HEARING

IS BOUND OVER TO THE DISTRICT COURT AND REMANDED TO JAIL

Begins to Lose Iron Nerve Which He Has Had—Now Knows Evidence is Against Him.

In the county court yesterday morning Roy Roberts, accused of the crime of murdering Vernon Connett, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court. He was remanded to the county jail without bail as the case is one which does not allow for bail.

Roberts is beginning to weaken and does not show the nerve he has shown at all preceding hearings. He now knows the evidence against him and has all but confessed his guilt. On different occasions he has nearly broken down when questioned by the attorneys.

Sunday evening Roberts sent for Attorney Muldoon, who is assisting the county attorney in conducting the trial, and asked to have a talk with him. He was informed that the evidence was strong against him, but Mr. Muldoon advised him not to plead guilty unless he was really so. Only once did he lose his temper. That was when he thought of the electric chair. He stated to Mr. Muldoon that if he went to the electric chair he would "be on the shoulders of the men that sent him there as long as they lived." For the most part, however, he was calm and collected. He showed a much greater inclination to talk and told Mr. Muldoon that he would be willing to talk to them whenever they came.

Roberts' trial in the district court will be held at the next term which convenes January 25th. At that time he states that his brother will be here and that he will have an attorney from Lexington. He has been trying to get his attorney since the arraignment Thursday but thus far has been unsuccessful.

The hearing yesterday morning was held in the district court room as the county court room would not begin to accommodate the crowd of morbidly curious that was present. Over a hundred were present and the district court room and the jury box were filled to capacity, many having to stand. A large number of the spectators were from out of town.

The web of evidence is so strong about Roberts that there is little doubt as to the outcome of the trial. It is anticipated to a small degree that he will break down at the last minute and plead guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court.

When told Sunday evening of the confession of his mother and his stepfather he stated that they were both liars. When Mr. Muldoon told him of his mother's feelings toward him and of his little sister's testimony of having seen them carry the body away, he was silent for a few moments and then stated that Connett was still alive. After that he talked very little until Mr. Muldoon left when he asked that he come again and talk with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parkis and little daughter, of Clark, Neb., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Parkis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Goldsmith, eight miles southwest of this city. They arrived last week.

Parmlee Denied New Trial

The motion for a new trial in the case of the state of Nebraska vs. Robert Parmlee, charged with statutory rape, was argued Saturday afternoon before Judge Grimes by Attorneys E. H. Evans and G. N. Gibbs. The court overruled the motion and sentenced Parmlee to from three to twenty years in the penitentiary.

Immediately after the court's decision the attorney for the defendant filed notice of appeal to the supreme court. Mr. Evans will go to Lincoln some time this week to file the petition before the supreme court. In the meantime Parmlee is in the custody of the sheriff. Bail cannot be fixed until the petition is filed in the supreme court and it must be fixed by that court.

The main argument for a new trial was the non-resident juror who sat on the case. However, that question was formerly settled by the court. Defendant also alleged that he had not been given a fair trial. When asked by the court why sentence should not be pronounced he spoke for several minutes protesting his innocence and asking for the mercy of the court.

Lost—Sunday, between town and the experimental farm, a new brown muff. Reward for return to Mrs. Albert Durbin.

Elks, Take Notice

That the banquet is on New Year's Eve, and not on New Year's night, as heretofore. The date on the tickets is not correct as they were left over from the last banquet. Do not be misled. The number of tickets sold is 106, and Caterer Hupfer has decided to provide a few extra seats for railroad men who can not know ahead whether they will be in or not.

COMMITTEE.

Jimmie Muller Wins Watch

Little Jimmie Muller won the watch Saturday afternoon in the pony contest. This was the second award of watches and four more will be given away before the close of the contest.

The five dollars in gold given as an extra prize by the Davis garage was won by Alleen Lynch.

Interest in the pony contest continues unabated, and the total vote cast during the period between counts is increasing. Some of the contestants are holding back their votes, but there is no advantage in doing this, as the standing of the contestants will not be given publicity until the close of the contest.

Nobody but the secretary of the pony vote association, Edgar Schiller, knows the total vote cast by each contestant, and he will not give out the information to any one.

Nobody can tell who will win the pony outfit, it depends on the hustling ability of the contestants. Keep everlastingly at it, boys and girls, the pony outfit is certainly worth the effort.

Court Favors Union Realty Co.

The tax case against the Union Realty & Investment company was decided in the district court Friday in favor of the company.

This case was taken before the county commissioners early in the fall and the board raised the tax assessment of the company to the amount proscribed by law for investment, etc., the same as a bank. The question under controversy was whether or no this company came under the statute providing for such taxation. The court decided that it did not.

Under the assessment as raised the company was paying taxes on its stock as well as on its personal property, taxes being assessed on the stock at that rate. The company proved that it was merely a holding company and that their stock consisted only of their real estate holdings. That it was taxable only as an individual on the real estate values and not on the stock.

The taxes assessed against the company exceeded \$1,300 and they were reduced by the court to twenty dollars.

The Simon Fishman store at Sidney was closed last week by Mr. Fishman giving a trust deed of the stock to the creditors. The liabilities are said to be about \$25,000. The creditors will meet shortly and decide upon some course of action in regard to the disposition of the stock. Mr. Fishman was re-elected county treasurer at the late election and will hold that position for two years.

Men began yesterday morning filling C. C. Hupfer's ice house near the rear of the Timmerman hotel. The ice house caught fire some weeks ago but has been rebuilt and covered with corrugated iron. The ice they are putting up is about fourteen inches in thickness and of a good quality.

S. E. Sharples of Brule arrived in the city Sunday to visit friends for a few days.

Jimmie Muller Thanks His Friends

I thank the many friends for helping me win the watch in the pony contest, and hope to win the pony, as it will be a great help to me.

JIMMIE MULLER.
Phone Red 607. 506 E. 6th St.

A Strong Drama

"Today," one of the most profound and striking dramas of the day, will be presented at the Keith theatre on the evening of January 11th. In this drama it is shown that the love of luxury forms the greatest problem of American life; that idleness among society women has reached the pernicious stage; and that the craze for outdoing one's neighbors has developed into a national disease.

Christmas was a Quiet Day

Christmas was quietly celebrated in North Platte. Church services in the morning were well attended, and the remainder of the day was spent at home either in entertaining friends, or being entertained, or in family reunions. Nearly 60 dinners for the poor were prepared under the direction of the Twentieth Century Club, and many others were made happy by donations from individuals.

Little Dorothy Besack Dies.

After suffering for over two weeks with inflammatory rheumatism and pneumonia, little Dorothy Besack, five-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Besack, Jr., died Saturday night at eleven thirty. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at two-thirty at the Methodist church and the services were conducted by Rev. O. O. Woods.

The little girl was of a bright and sunny disposition and had endeared herself to her little playmates as well as to many older. She was a faithful attendant of the Methodist Sunday school. The sympathy of her many friends and the friends of the family are extended to the bereaved parents and grand parents.

Organize Oil Company.

The company of North Platte men which was recently formed for the purpose of prospecting for oil in McPherson county, was formally organized yesterday by the election of C. T. Wieland president, Loren Sturgis secretary, and Arthur Rush treasurer.

It is the intention of the company to sink a well as early in the spring as the weather will permit on the land from which the oil soaked sand was taken last fall. The owner of this land not only secured this oil bearing sand while boring a well, but he encountered a gas that partially blew his auger from the hole.

It is reported that the Standard Oil Co. has secured a lease on 1200 acres of land near the tract on which the North Platte company will operate.

I have several propositions for trade: Farm land for City Property; City Property for Farm land; City Property for Stock. If you have anything of this kind see me.

C. F. TEMPLE.

A dance will be given this evening at the Masonic hall by Messrs. Ernest Rineker and Corbin Jones. Music will be furnished by Crowe's Orchestra. Twenty-five invitations have been given out for the dance.

G. M. Smith, steward at the Elks home, returned Saturday evening from Grand Island where he visited over Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Carson. Mrs. Carson is his daughter.

An Insurance Policy, Fire or Life, means every word it says, when written by Braff & Goodman.

One-Fifth Off

Beginning December 26th and Closing January 13th we will give you a discount of one-fifth from the regular price of every article carried in our Dry Goods, Cloaks, Dresses, Suits, Carpets, Rugs, Linoleum, Notion, Gents' Furnishing and Shoe stocks. These goods will be sold to you at regular price and one-fifth deducted from your bill. During this sale we will not open any new goods in these departments, so it will pay you to come early before the assortments are broken.

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H. G. Knowles, pastor of the Christian church, leaves today for Lincoln where he will spend a few days looking after some state board work.

Miss Blanche Fonda will entertain this evening at her home at a 500 party.



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